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GAUGE CONVERSION OF LUMDING-KUMAR GHAT RAIL LINE
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the present position o gauge conversion of Lumding-Silchar-Karimganj-Baraigram-Kumar Ghat metre gauge line, sector-wise;

(b) the present position of Kumar Ghat-Agartala new rail line; and

(c) the time which the above conversion and new construction works are likely to be completed, Sector-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a): For Lumding-Silchar gauge conversion project, earthwork and bridges are in progress between Badarpur and Silchar (30Km) where no change in alignment is necessary. On Lumding-Badaurpur section (approx.170Km), final location survey including survey for diversions in the ghat section to suit the requirement of BG and preparation of land acquisition plan and papers has been taken up. RITES have already completed the paper alignment and staking of the alignment on ground for about 100 Km length.The work on 25 Km length from Lumding to Hathikali has also been commenced.

For conversion of Karimganj-Baraigram and Baraigram-Kumarghat, surveys have been recently completed and results are under finalisation. Further consideration of these projects would be possible once the result of the surveys are finalised.

(b): Work is in good progress in two stretches falling in plain area i.e. 20Km length from Kumargaht end and 22 Km length from Agartala end. Final location survey work in the remaining 77 Km stretch, in hilly terrain, is in progress.

(c): Target date has not yet been fixed.